

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.